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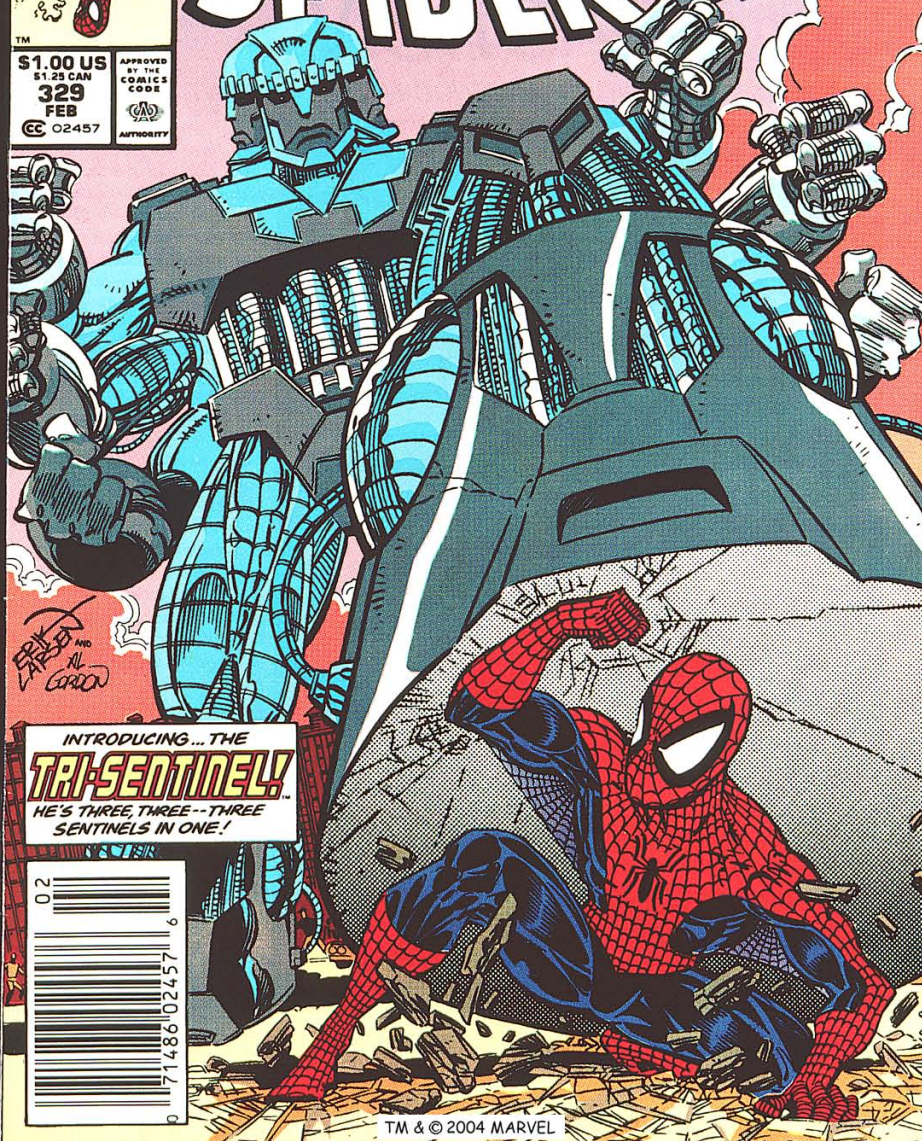
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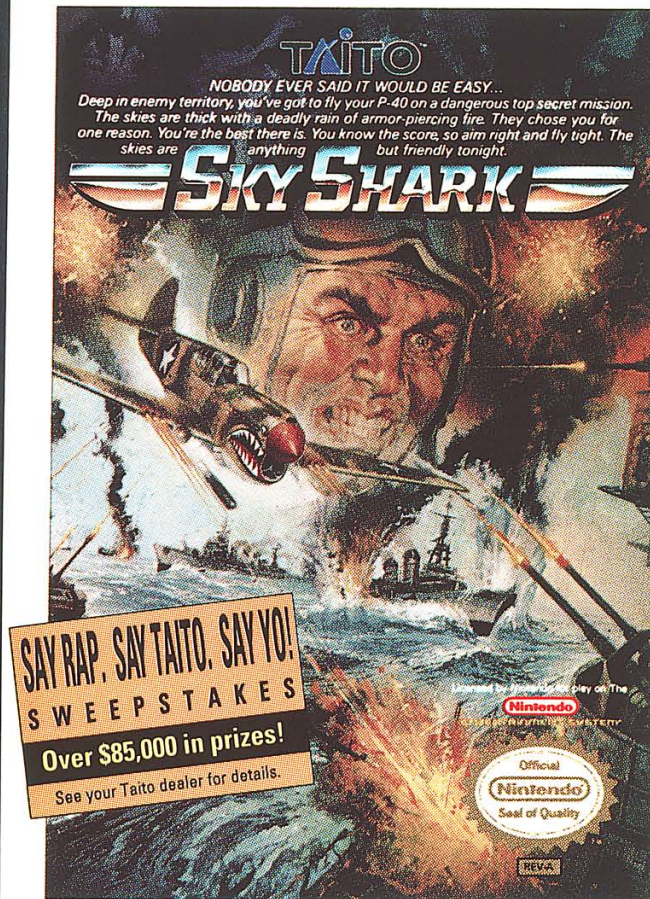
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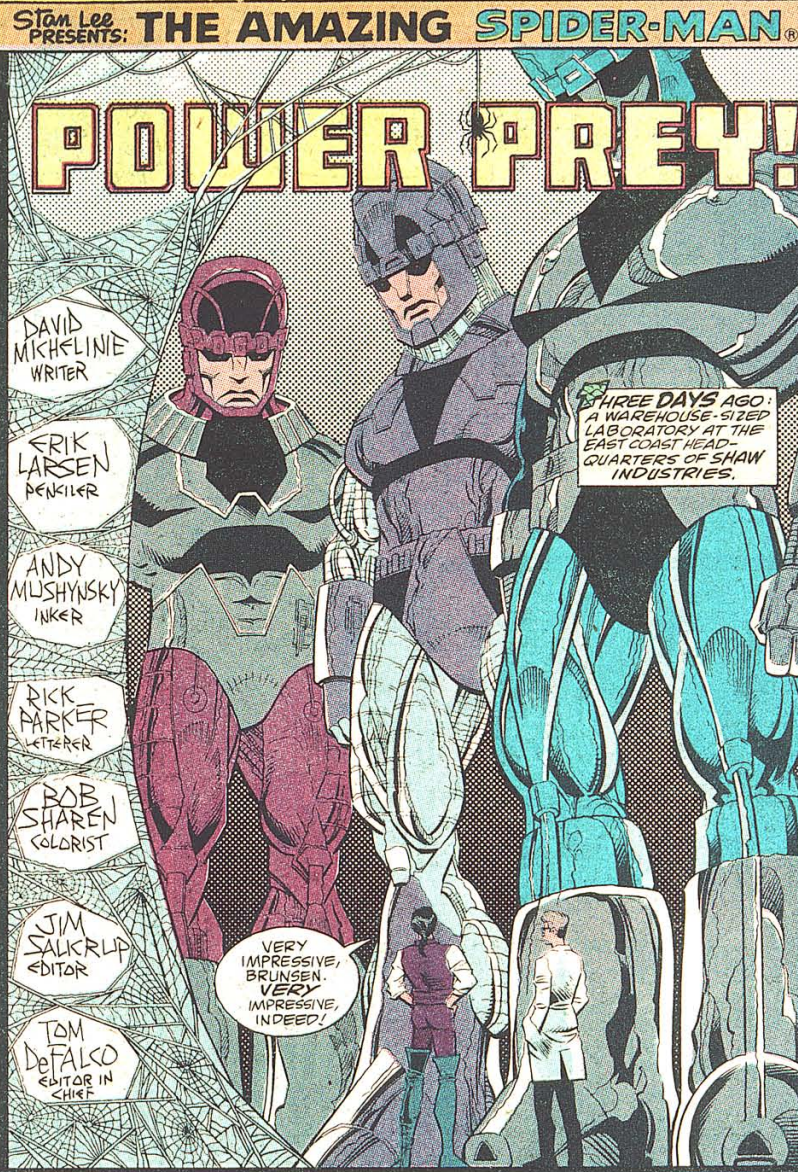
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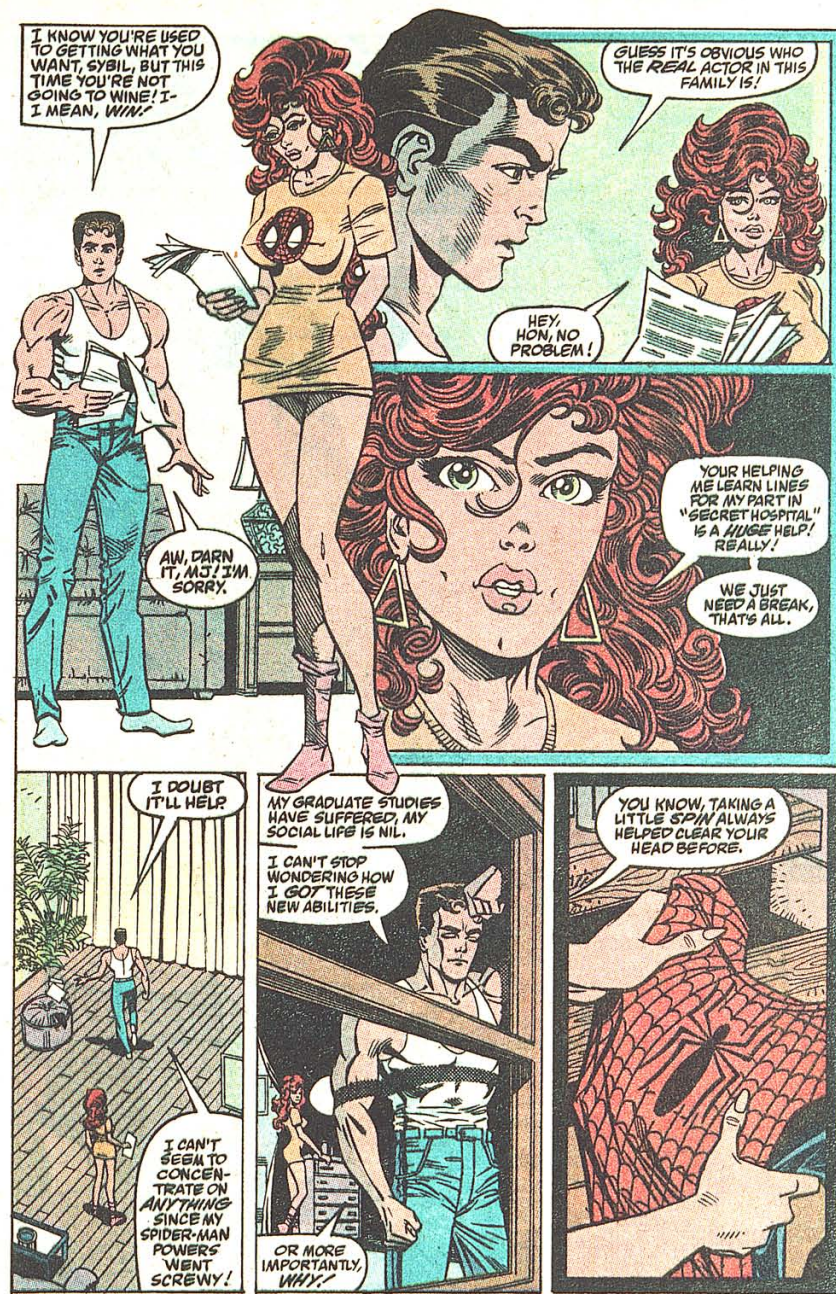
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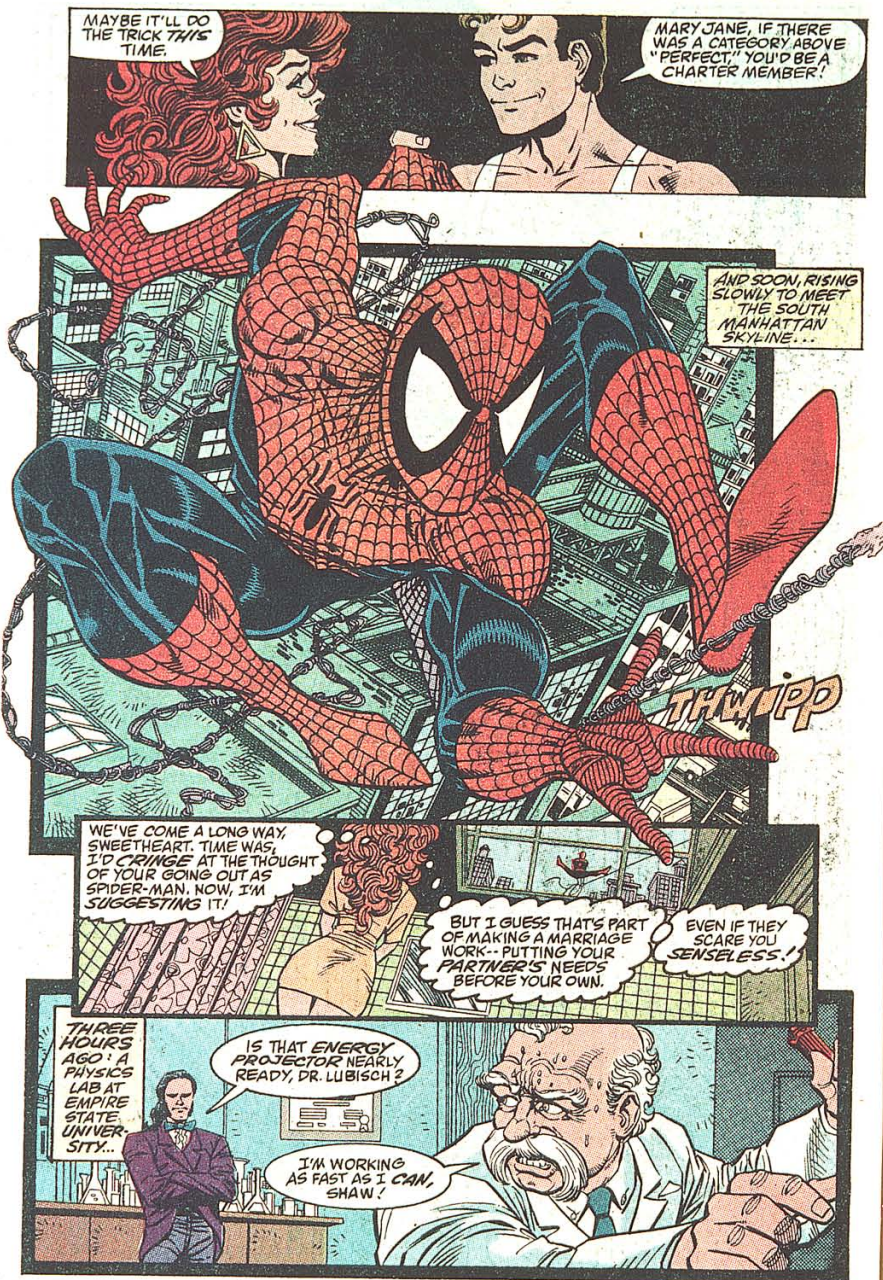
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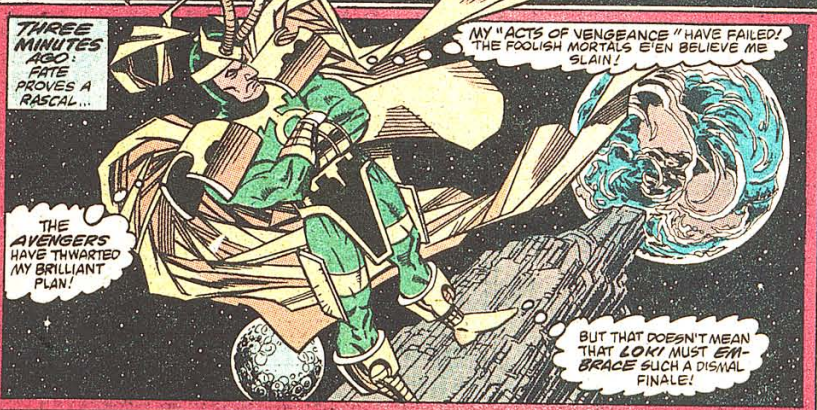
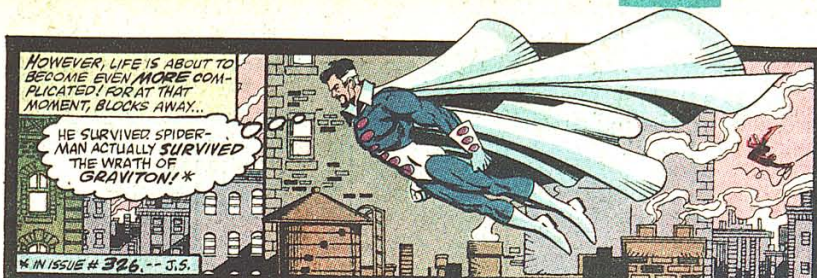
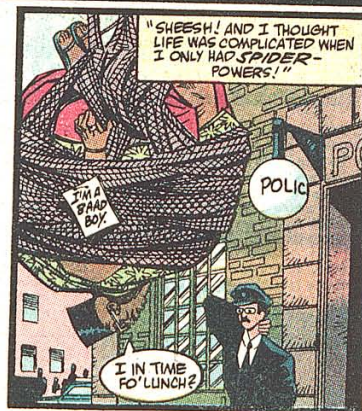
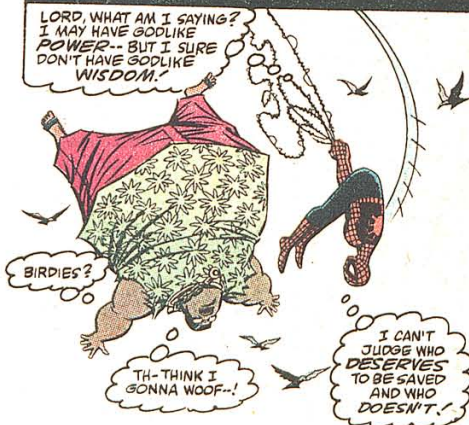
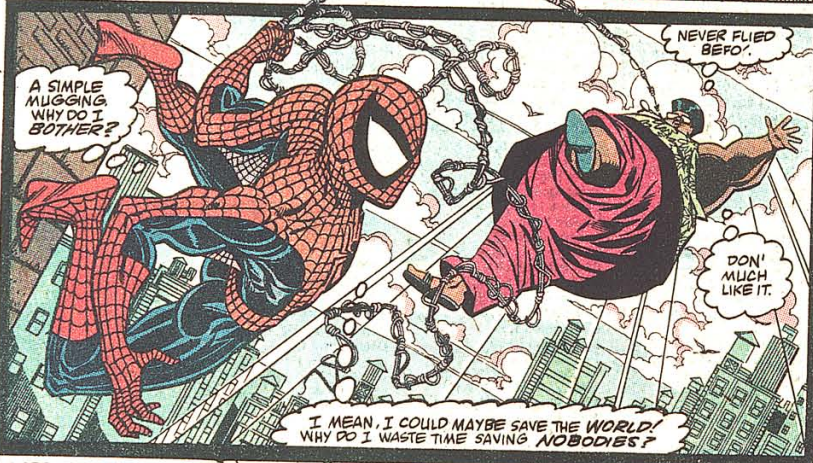
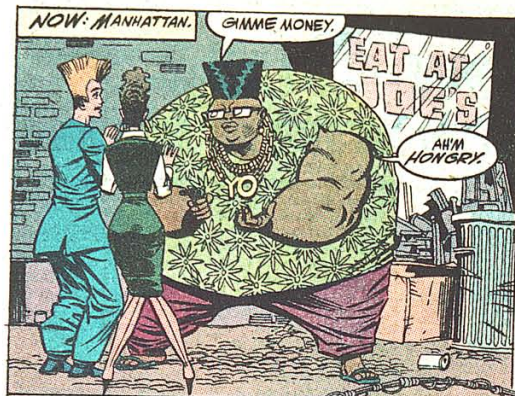
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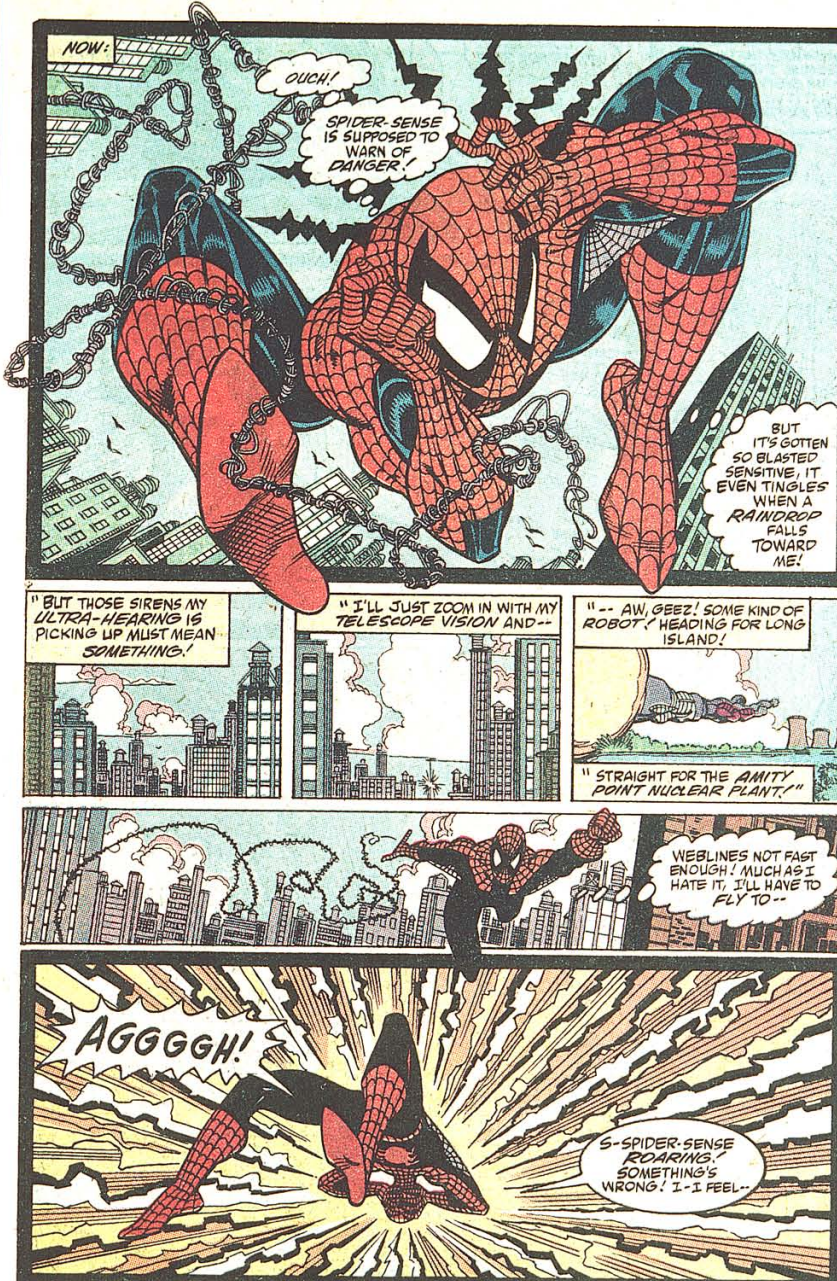
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"BUT THOSE SIRENS MY ULTRA-HEARING IS PICKING UP MUST MEAN SOMETHING!"

"I'LL JUST ZOOM IN WITH MY TELESCOPE VISION AND--"

"-- AW, GEEZ! SOME KIND OF ROBOT? HEADING FOR LONG ISLAND!"

"STRAIGHT FOR THE AMITY POINT NUCLEAR PLANT."

WEBLINES NOT FAST ENOUGH! MUCH AS I HATE IT, I'LL HAVE TO FLY TO--

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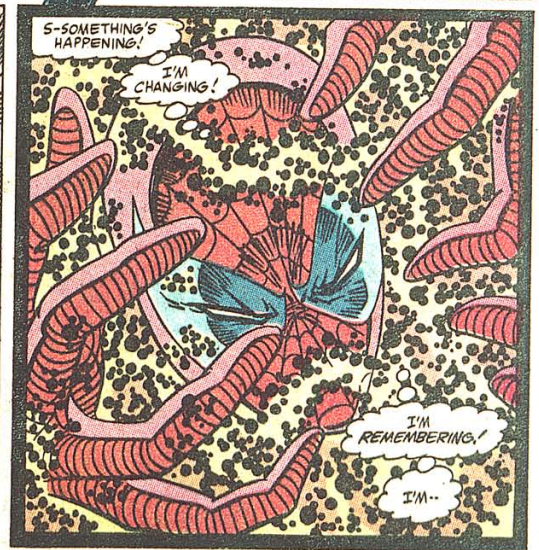
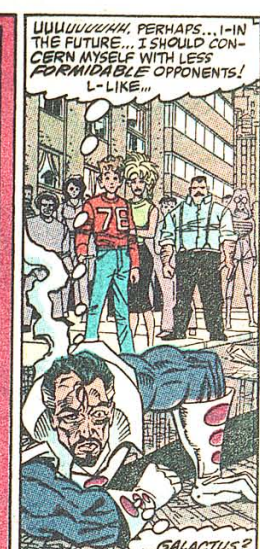
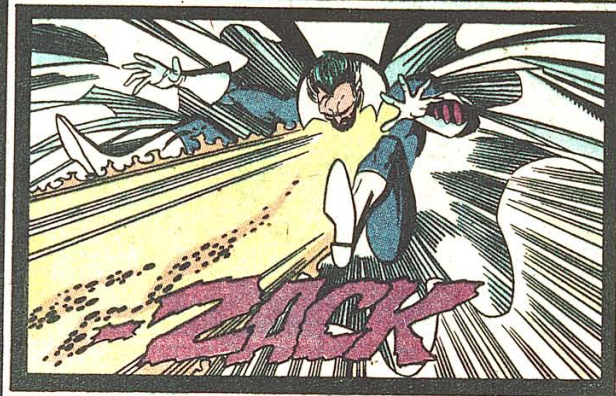
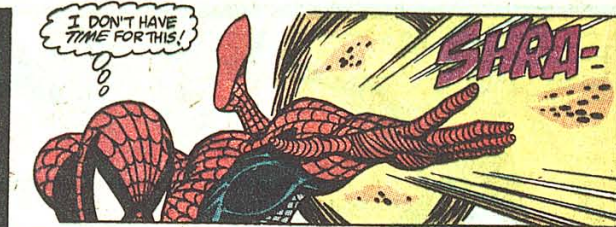
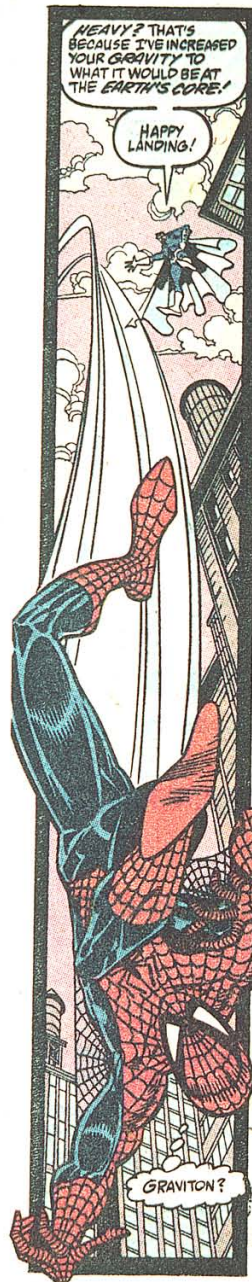
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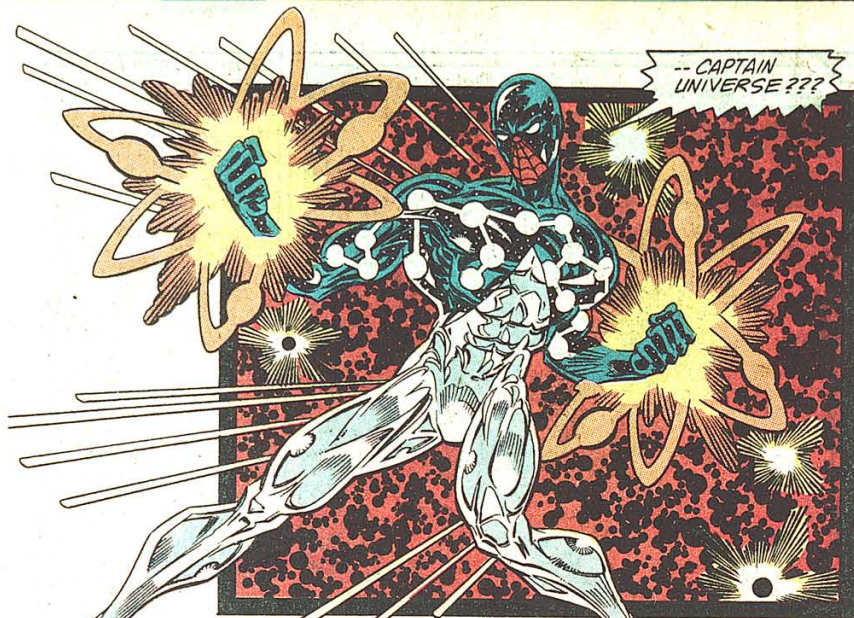
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UNIVERSE ???

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FACES HUMANKIND, SOME-
THING CALLED THE ENIGMA
FORCE CHOOSES A CHAMPION!
IMBUES HIM OR HER WITH THE
POWER AND IDENTITY OF
CAPTAIN UNIVERSE. I
KNOW THAT NOW!

JUST AS I KNOW THAT
ROBOT IS CALLED A
TRI-SENTINEL!
THE ENIGMA FORCE FORE-
SAW IT AND CHOSE ME
TO FIGHT IT!

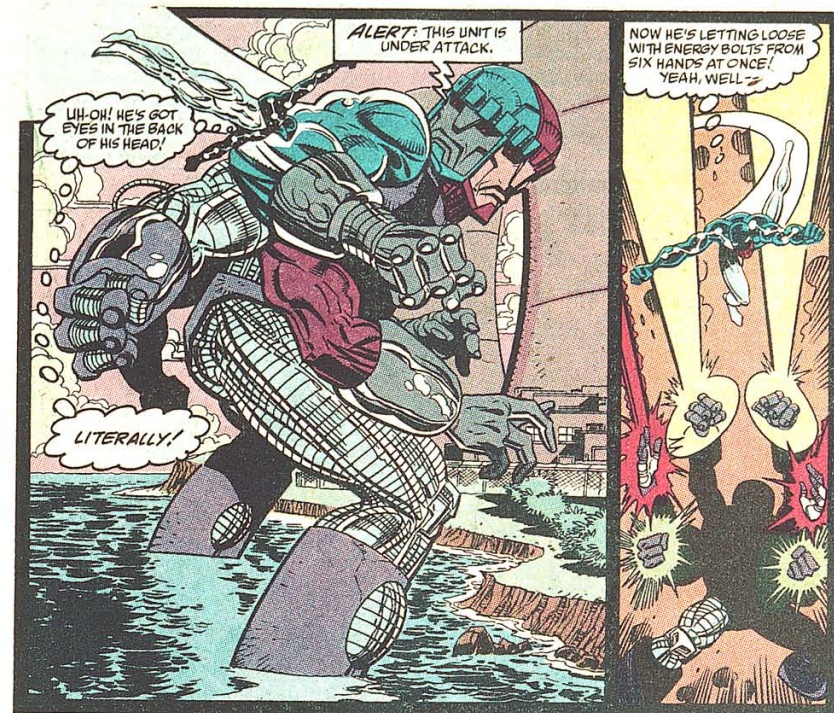
BUT DR. LUBISCH'S EXPERIMENTS BLOCKED
SOME OF THE ENERGY DURING THE TRANSFER!
SO I GOT THE POWER WITHOUT THE
AWARENESS.

NOW SOMETHING'S CHANGED
THAT! AND I'M NOT SURE I
LIKE IT!

I DON'T APPRECIATE
BEING "ASSIGNED" TO
BATTLE, BUT--NUTS!

I CAN'T LET
THAT OVERGROWN
GOBOT TRASH
A NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT!
KILL THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE!

THIS IS NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
FOLLOW HIM! PREPARE FOR A SECOND
ASSAULT!

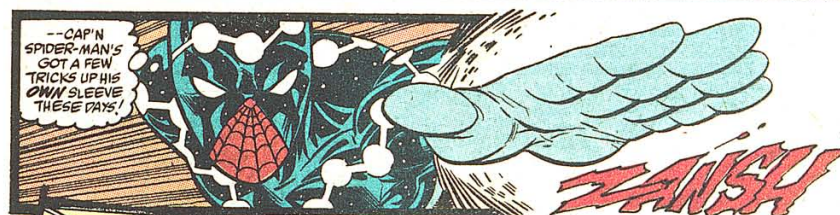


ALERT: THIS UNIT IS
UNDER ATTACK.

UH-OH! HE'S GOT
EYES IN THE BACK
OF HIS HEAD!

LITERALLY!

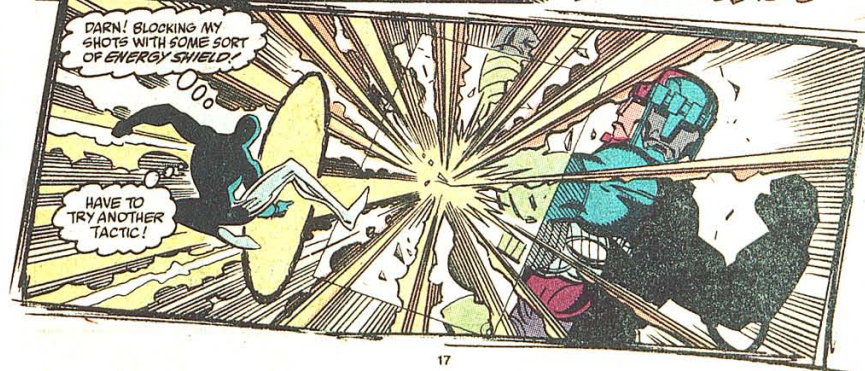
NOW HE'S LETTING LOOSE
WITH ENERGY BOLTS FROM
SIX HANDS AT ONCE!
YEAH, WELL--

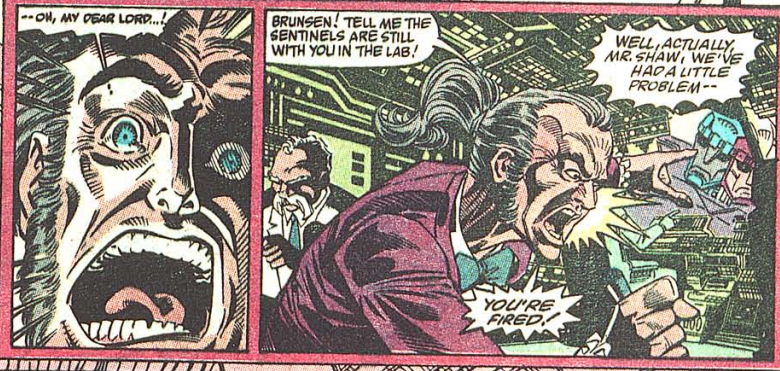
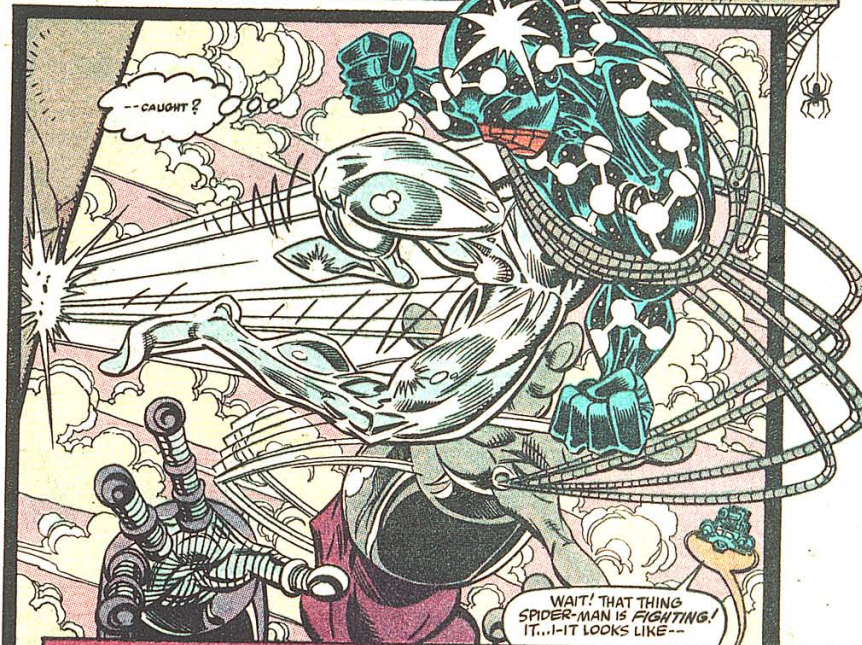
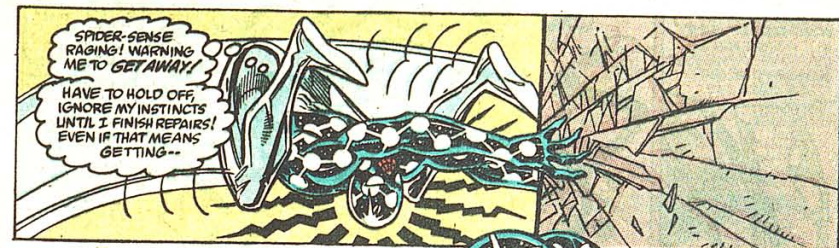
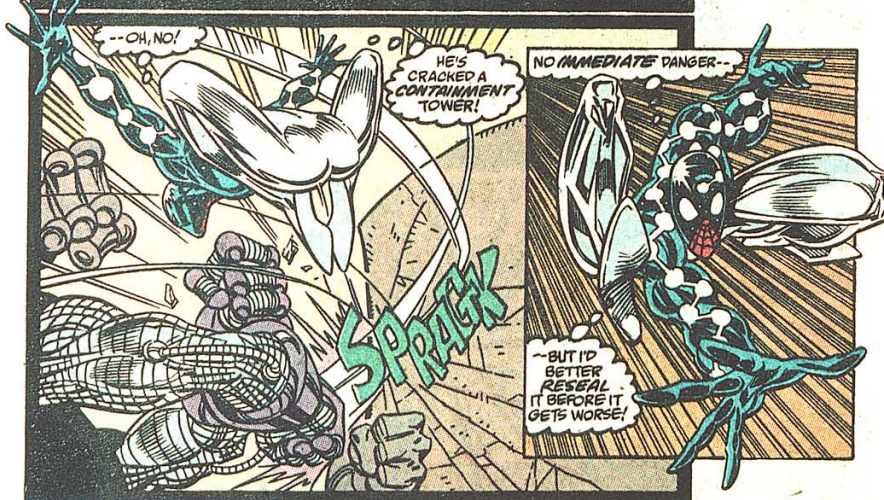
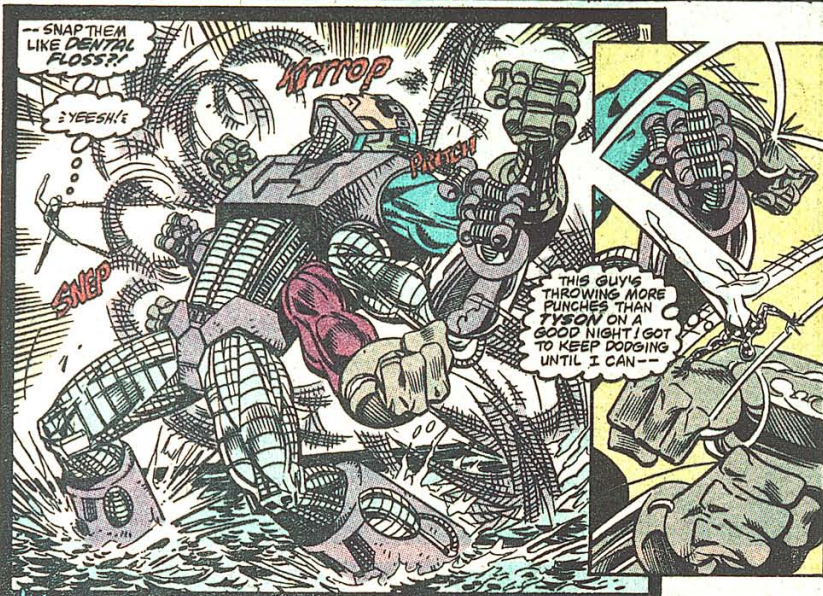


--CAP'N
SPIDER-MAN'S
GOT A FEW
TRICKS UP HIS
OWN SLEEVE
THESE DAYS!

DARN! BLOCKING MY
SHOTS WITH SOME SORT
OF ENERGY SHIELD!

HAVE TO
TRY ANOTHER
TACTIC!





BUT THE ENIGMA FORCE AUGMENTS **ALL** OF MY ABILITIES, INCLUDING MY SPIDER-STRENGTH!

I CAN STILL BREAK FREE!

I CAN STILL
BREAK FREE!

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WH-WHAT
HAPPENED--?

IT'S
CALLED
CAREFUL
PLANNING,
DOCTOR.

GOT TO
MAKE SURE
IT DOESN'T
START
AGAIN!

AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN IN
THE LAST FEW MINUTES, THAT'S
GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING
SPECIAL!

OKAY,
ENIGMA
FORCE,
SHOW ME
WHAT
YOU'VE
GOT!
ALL OF IT!

SENTINELS ARE
EXPENSIVE -- BUT
HAVING ONE GO
ROGUE COULD
PROVE EVEN
MORE COSTLY!
SO, SINCE THE
SENTINELS' PRIME
PURPOSE IS TO DESTROY
MUTANTS, I HAD A PROGRAM
IN AN INCONSPICUOUS LOOP IN
THEIR LOGIC CIRCUITS--

--ONE DESIGNED
TO CONVINCE THEM
THAT, SINCE THEY'VE
INHERITED ALTERED
CHARACTERISTICS
FROM THEIR OWN
'ANCESTORS,' THE
ORIGINAL MARK I
SENTINELS, THEY
ARE IN EFFECT--

--MUTANTS THEMSELVES!
I RELEASED THE LOOP WITH
THE SIGNAL I TRANSMITTED
IN THEORY, THAT MELDED
MONSTER SHOULD DESTROY
ITSELF

BUT WHAT THE
FORCES THAT
CAUSED THE
PROTOTYPES TO
'MERGE' HAVE
DONE TO THE ROBOTS'
LOGIC BOARDS IS
ANYONE'S GUESS!
ALL WE CAN DO NOW...

"...IS WAIT!"

CAN'T WAIT TO FIGURE
OUT WHY THIS BEHEMOTH
STOPPED!

INSTANTLY, RAIN, PURE POWER
CRACKLES AROUND SPIDER-
MAN, FLOWING FROM AN
UNKNOWN SOURCE, FILLING
HIS ACHING BODY WITH A
MIGHT THAT THREATENS TO
BLURST HIM APART.

HE CRIES OUT, JOY
WARRING WITH PAIN,
AS ENERGY INFUSES
HIS EVERY ATOM.

IF NOT FOR HIS RADIATION-
SPANNED SPIDER-STRENGTH,
HE'D BE A CINDER AT
THIS VERY MOMENT.

IN A MOMENT MORE
HE MAY BE ONE ANY-
WAY!

IT'S MOVING
AGAIN!
SWINGING ON
THE CONTAINMENT
TOWER!

TRIPLED LOGIC
CAPACITY MUST HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO
REJECT THE FAIL-
SAFE LOOP!

GENTLEMEN...
WE ARE ABOUT
TO DIE.

No.

YOU'RE NOT.

THANKS TO THE IRON WILL OF
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.

AND TO THE UNCATEGORIZABLE
POWER OF CAPTAIN UNIVERSE!

Bulpen Bulletins

Stan's Soapbox

I'm writing these impish words exactly twenty-four hours after returning from the Chicago ComicCon at which I was a special guest. (I suspect they dub you "Special Guest" when they don't quite know what to make of you, but why split hairs?) My purpose in bringing this momentous matter to the attention of Marveldom Assembled is a simple one. I want to compliment you! Here's why...

Inasmuch as you're reading this mag, you are undoubtedly a fan. If not necessarily a Marvel fan, then certainly a comic book fan (though to me, of course, the phrase is synonymous). As a fan, you are part of a unique, very select group of individuals. This was brought home to me so clearly at the Chicago Con and the many other such gatherings I've been privileged to attend.

Having been to all sorts of conventions over the years, I can honestly say that those devoted to comic books seem to attract the smartest, most concerned, most aware and most caring fans of all. If any of the few remaining people who still denigrate comics and comic book readers could attend such Cons, I'm sure they'd quickly lose their unfounded prejudice.

Talking with countless Chicago fans, I couldn't help but be impressed by their knowledge, not only of comics in particular, but of art and literature in general. As the talk turned to the philosophical and sociological aspects of various stories and concepts, I realized that there is a great common denominator linking lovers of comic books, science fiction, art, theater and all forms of the media. That common denominator is comprised of a healthy imagination, an awareness of the world about us and a love of adventure and heroics.

Each minute I spend in the comic book world, the prouder I become of the work I do and the people I do it for. Comics are greater than ever—and so are you fans! Just thought you'd like to know.

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

ITEM: Did we mention that DC's softball team clobbered us 8-2 this past summer? Sheesh, you'd think having the blockbuster motion picture of the year would be enough for 'em... but, noooo! Seriously, we're almost as excited as they are about the success of the *Batman* movie. Anything that's good for one comic book company is good for all of comics! (But wait! next year!)

ITEM: Speaking of blockbuster motion pictures, we've recently held our very own Marvel Film Festival! It was held September 22nd in the Bullpen and it featured films by many a Marvel staffer. The complete schedule included:

- "Microwave" by Rob Tokar
- "Flesh-Eating Mothers" by Harry Eisenstein
- "The Freelancer" by Mike Heisler & Steve Buccellato
- "Amerash" by Evan Skolnick
- "Possession" by Gregory Wright
- "Living Lifestyles" by Mark Gruenwald
- "Day in the Life of an Assistant Editor" by Marie Javins

By popular vote, Gregarious Greg's "Possession" won the coveted "Spidey" award!

ITEM: It's that turkey time of year again and that means the Amazing Spider-Man balloon will once again fly over the streets of Manhattan in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! He took a few years, but at long last Spidey is flying in all his comics as well as in real life! What's that? You didn't know your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man could fly? Where have you been? Next you'll tell us that you're unaware of the colossal crossover currently running in virtually every Marvel super hero title. You know, "Acts of Vengeance," where all sorts of super villains tackle super heroes they never met before... Ah, c'mon, don't tell us you did know about it! Well here's a little checklist of all the Acts of Vengeance titles for this month:

The core titles are:
 AVENGERS WEST COAST #54
 CAPTAIN AMERICA #366
 AVENGERS SPOTLIGHT #28

QUASAR #6
 AVENGERS #313
 IRON MAN #262
 FANTASTIC FOUR #336
 DAMAGE CONTROL II #3

And the crossovers are:
 DARK DEVIL #276
 X-MEN #257
 WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #60
 AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #328
 ALPHA FLIGHT #80
 NEW MUTANTS #85
 POWER PACK #53
 PUNISHER #29
 DR. STRANGE #13
 MOON KNIGHT #10
 SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #160
 THOR #413

ITEM: On September 18, Marvel participated for the first time in "New York is Book Country," the big annual street fair that ran from 47th to 57th Street on Fifth Avenue. Not only did we give away over 6,000 comic books to the fabulous folks that stopped by our booth, but none other than *Walt and Louise Simonson*, *Glenn Herdling* and *Jim Salicrup*, *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Woman*, and *Barbara Slate* were there to meet and greet everyone! (And if you didn't know, Walt will soon be writing and drawing the FANTASTIC FOUR, Louise is currently writing X-FACTOR and NEW MUTANTS, Jim and Glenn edit all the Spider-Man titles, and Barbara has created YUPPIES FROM HELL, a new offbeat black and white, one-shot, 48-page comic album, on sale now.) Also on hand were *Mark Gruenwald*, *Doug Murray*, *Suzanne Gaffney*, *Evan Skolnick*, *Sara Tuchinsky*, *Lou Bank*, *Donald Hudson*, and *Dawn Geiger*. Famed science-fiction author, *Barry Malzberg*, even dropped by to say hello and wish us luck with our forthcoming series, *OPEN SPACE*, which features tales of the future by today's top SF writers and comic artists. *Steve Saffel*, our humble Promotion Manager, was our ringleader and did a heck of a job—a good time was had by all, and we're really hoping to do it all again next year!

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Assistant Editor on: The Spurious Works of Plato, The Collected Post-Marxist Semiotic Social Theory of Jean Baudrillard, G.I. JOE, NIN MAN, HULK, SHE-HULK.

Marvel freelance credits (past): Writer on FANTASTIC FOUR #1, AMAZING FANTASY #15, creator of SPEEDBALL.

Marvel freelance credits (present): As a Trotskyite, I refuse to work for Maoists (until my trust fund dries up)

My place of birth is: Fort Rucker, Alabama and Tupelo, Mississippi.

People who knew me in high school thought I was: A hallucination.

My hobbies are: Taking the cuss words out of Bobbie Chase's inter-office memos and converting strangers to the worship of Degraassi Junior High.

My pet peevers are: Foreign dignitaries who refuse to accept our local custom of Jub-Jub dancing before the sorbet is served. My favorite performers are: The P.W.T. repertory company, Lach, and Alvin Lucier's Santa Fe shirt collection.

The last good book I read was: Like most comic book editors, I have never read a book.

The last good movie I saw was: *Housewife* by Larry Cohen.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Vic Tayback.

My oddest habit is: Warming the spoon under my arm.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Being America's favorite whistling hobo.

The reason I got into comics was: To be closer to Tom DeFalco.

The biggest influences on my work include: Editing: Ezra Pound; Xeroxing: Friedrich Nietzsche; Paste-up: Jacques Derrida.

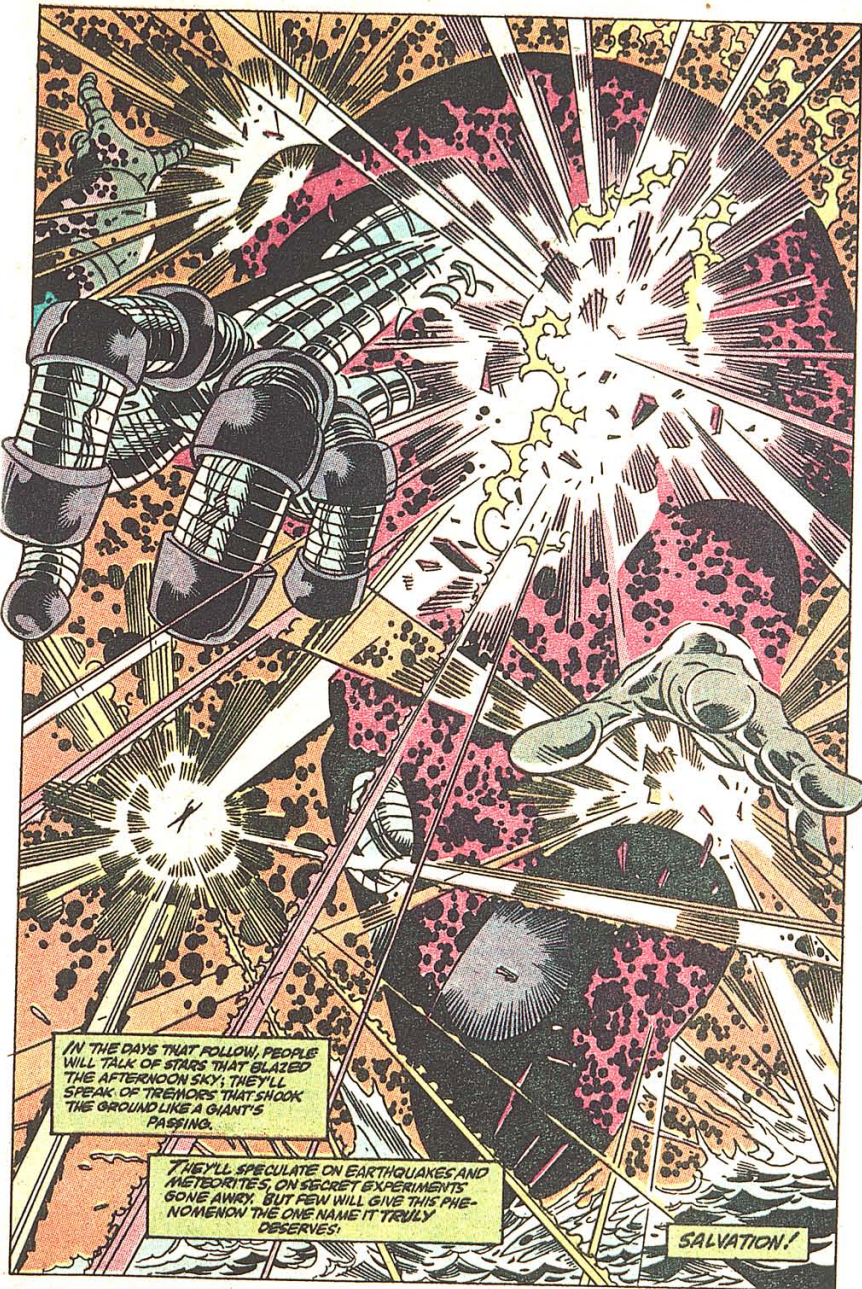
The single work of which I am most proud is: Standing in for Divine in the final scene of *Pink Flamingos*.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To put out volume after volume of mindless slug-fests and shoot-em-ups... oh, never mind.

The worst part of my job is: Shaving She-Hulk's legs.

When nobody's looking I like to: Scramble Norad signals and start World War III.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I started *Batmania*.



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, PEOPLE WILL TALK OF STARS THAT GLAZED THE AFTERNOON SKY; THEY'LL SPEAK OF TREMORS THAT SHOOK THE GROUND LIKE A GIANT'S PASSING.

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A #14	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #1-5	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	Ironman #1-5	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #15	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #6-10	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #6-10	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #16	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #11-15	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #11-15	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #17	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #16-20	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #16-20	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #18	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #21-25	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #21-25	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #26-30	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #26-30	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #20	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #31-35	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #31-35	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #21	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #36-40	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #36-40	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #22	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #41-45	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #41-45	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #23	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #46-50	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #46-50	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #24	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #51-55	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #51-55	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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A #33	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #96-100	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #96-100	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #34	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #101-105	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #101-105	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #35	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #106-110	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #106-110	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
A #36	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Conan #111-115	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Ironman #111-115	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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--YOU DID EVERYTHING THAT YOU, PETER PARKER, COULD DO.



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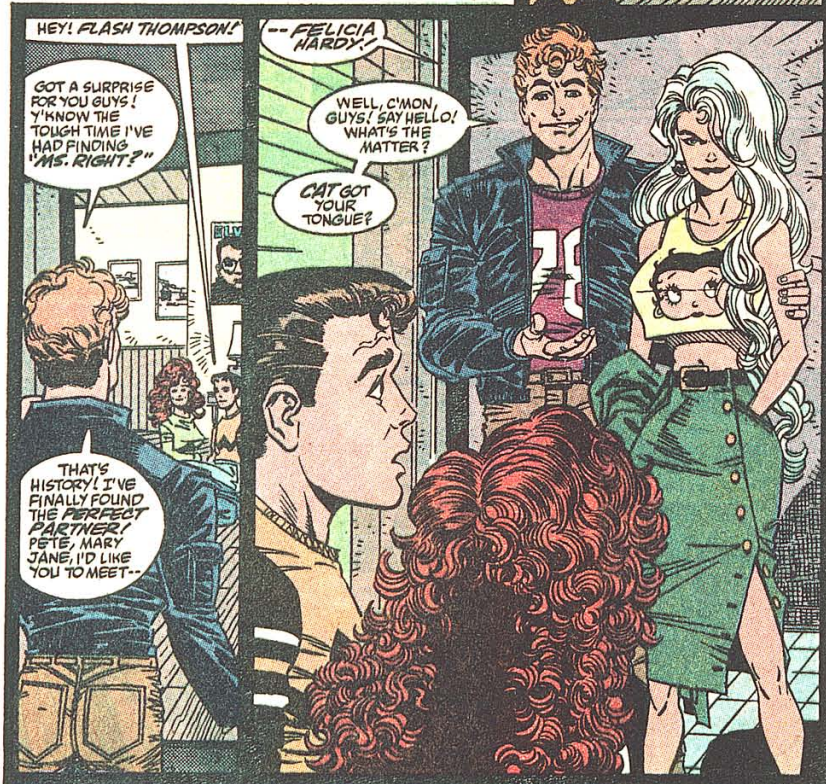
--FELICIA HARDY--

GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU GUYS! Y'KNOW THE TOUGH TIME I'VE HAD FINDING "MS. RIGHT?"

WELL, C'MON GUYS! SAY HELLO! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

THAT'S HISTORY! I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE PERFECT PARTNER! PETE, MARY JANE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET--



NEXT: MORE ON FELICIA "BLACK CAT" HARDY! PLUS: THE PUNISHER JOINS SPIDER-MAN ON A DEADLY HUNT IN...
THE POWDER CHASE!

THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

SHOULD AUNT MAY MEET HER MAKER?

Dear Marvel,
I've always been a fan of Spider-Man; he was introduced to me by my dad. What really made me write was issue #320 of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Does Aunt May really have to die? The reason for my concern is because my dad died shortly after this issue, and you guys at Marvel printing SPIDER-MAN are the closest memories of my dad from when I was a kid.
Keep up the good work, keep Spidey spinning, and keep doing good for people.
Nate Fazio
4218 W. Alta Vista
Phoenix, AZ 85041

You really jumped the gun, Nate...

Dear Spiders,
Why doesn't AMAZING SPIDER-MAN have a two-page letters page? It is the best comic on the face of the earth and I think it deserves a two-page, and another thing, on the last page of issue #320, it isn't Aunt May they are talking about. I'll put \$100 down that says it is Kristy because in a WEB OF SPIDER-MAN issue the doctor said Kristy had a heart attack. (I won't shake on that bet, though!) You guys have turned AMAZING into the best comic around. See ya!
Brian Koschak
2807 4th Ave.
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A two-page letters page would mean one less story page, Brian. What do the rest of you folks think: Would you prefer two pages of correspondence and one less page of story? Let us know. As for your Kristy theory, Brian--well, not quite...

Dear Marvel,
The telephone bit at the end of issue #320 is sufficiently vague enough to suggest that Peter may have jumped the gun in assuming it was Aunt May suffering from heart disease. It could very well be Nathan being discussed. Hopefully, this is the case. With Peter and MJ's marriage the stronger subplot focal point, having Aunt May join Uncle Ben six feet under may lose the impact it could otherwise have.
But if she is to die and stay dead, make Dr. Octopus the pallbearer. With him along, who else do you need?
Sarcasm and sick humor aside, keep up the great work. "Assassin Nation" looks pretty good. The book is better than it's been in years and I hope David and Todd stay on it for a long time to come (with or without Aunt May).
Brian Telander
53 North Chestnut Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

You win the \$84,000 Question, Brian (or in this case, a No-Prize). Nathan is our mystery death-guest.

MUTANT CONTROVERSY RAGES ON

Dear Web-Slingers,
According to my biology teacher, there are two types of mutations: somatic and genetic. A genetic mutation is one handed down from the parents' genetic code (i.e. the X-Men, X-Factor, and the New Mutants).
A somatic mutation is caused by an outside stimulus such as radiation, chemicals or toxins. This is the category Spider-Man fits in, so you really can't call him a "Non-Mutant." He is a somatic mutant.

Chris Barry
5986 Barnes Rd.
Brown City, MI 48416

Spidey may be a somatic mutation, Chris, but not necessarily a mutant.

Dear Arachnerd,
Spidey was born when a radioactive spider bit Peter Parker, whose genetic structure was the same as any normal human being. An X-factor would produce a random power, not a specific splicing of man and spider. The result is not a mutant, but a hybrid (1. An animal or plant produced by a male and female of different species, varieties, or breeds. 2. Anything of mixed origin.)
Till Spidey takes a blood test...

Gregory A. Kiernan
1057 Fort Park Blvd.
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"The Hybrid Hero?" Hmmm.

Dear Weavers o' Tangled Webs,
The letters page of #320 was filled with arguments over the mutant-ness of Spider-Man. I think the important question is about Harry Osborn. Does his hairstyle make him a mutant? Did anyone ever figure out what kind of hair that is? FOOOM lives on!

Keith Allison
5109 McIntosh Avenue
LaGrange, KY 40031

Dear Web-Heads,
I just finished reading the letters page in ASM #320. What's my opinion on the

whole "Non-Mutant Super-Hero" controversy? Boy, some people can't take a joke.

Peter Janicz
Chicago, IL

'Nuff said.

WHO'S STRONGER: THE WEB-SLINGER OR HIS WEB?

Dear Jim,
In AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #320, Spider-Man snaps his webbing. In previous issues, he's said such a thing was impossible. My solution is that his old webbing stretched instead of breaking when he pulled on it. His new webbing doesn't stretch, it breaks. Do I get a No-Prize? Please say yes!

Dave Sattelberger
2840 Arizona
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Dear David,
On page 11 Spidey is seen breaking his supposedly stronger webbing. But Spidey, even with his spider-strength, could never break even his old webbing. But never fear, folks! I have an answer to this perplexing problem.
You see, when Peter made his webbing stronger, one of the new ingredients he used caused the webbing to evaporate faster. Thus, after only a few moments of being exposed to the air, the webbing grew weak enough for Spidey to break it. How's that for an explanation? Is it strong enough for a No-Prize?

Steven Patino
124 Shadwell
San Antonio, TX 78228

We received a number of letters concerning this incident, but we printed the ones we felt had the best explanations. No-Prizes and kudos to all of you! However, the simplest explanation is that Spidey's new webbing takes longer to completely harden when exposed to the air. Do we get a No-Prize?

MORE BEEFCAKE, LESS CHEESECAKE?

Dear Spiderholics,
The art in issue #320 was fabulous. Peter's nose is looking a lot less, how shall I say this, bulbous. For a while, his nose looked like a foreign object planted on his face. Now that his nose no longer resembles a squashed vegetable, Peter is looking like his normal cute self again. In general, Todd's faces are great; he intills so much personality in them. I just didn't like Peter's nose for a while!
ONE NOTE: How come we only see Mary Jane half-naked all the time? To be fair, shouldn't we get more "interesting" views of Peter?

Wendy Joy
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More interesting? How much more do you want from a guy who parades around in a skin-tight outfit half the time, Wendy?

Dear Mr. Salicrup,
I know the amazing arachnid is strong, but is he really capable of hoisting a tank above his head like he does on page 20? Seems to me that's a bit more in the Hulk's league (remember Todd's days with or Green/Graykin?). Speaking of the Hulk, it would really be nice if you guys could manage another crossover with that mag, seeing as how we readers were cheated out of McFarlane's art in last year's WEB OF SPIDER-MAN pairing.
Finally, I love the cheesecake rendition of Mary Jane too, but it seems as though Michelinie goes out of his way to write scenes solely for the purpose of showing off McFarlane's provocative pen-and-ink posings. Maybe we could cool it with that for a while, huh?

I'm glad that AMAZING is once more a member of my must-buy list. Whatever you do, don't let the current team go (unless you could somehow manage to find an even better creative combo, which is highly doubtful).
Keep those webs spinning!

Chris Schilling
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Alliance, OH 44601

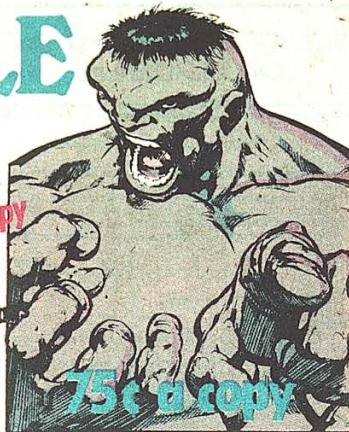
We aim to please, Chris! Todd's Hulk appeared last in his swan-song issue! And Mary Jane didn't appear in anything too revealing, either. If you were reading issue #320 closely, you would have realized that the tank Spidey hoisted was a miniature composed of strong but lightweight metal. As for our creative team, we hope you'll be pleased with the changes we've made as of this issue.

NEXT ISSUE: The web-slinger and the gun-slinger both find themselves stalking the same prey, but as usual, Spider-Man's methods are far different from the Punisher's! First, can the combined might of Spidey and Puma defeat the all-new demonic Hobgoblin? Find out in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #161! Then, in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #62, it's the return of Liz Osborn's brother (and you know who that is, don't you?)

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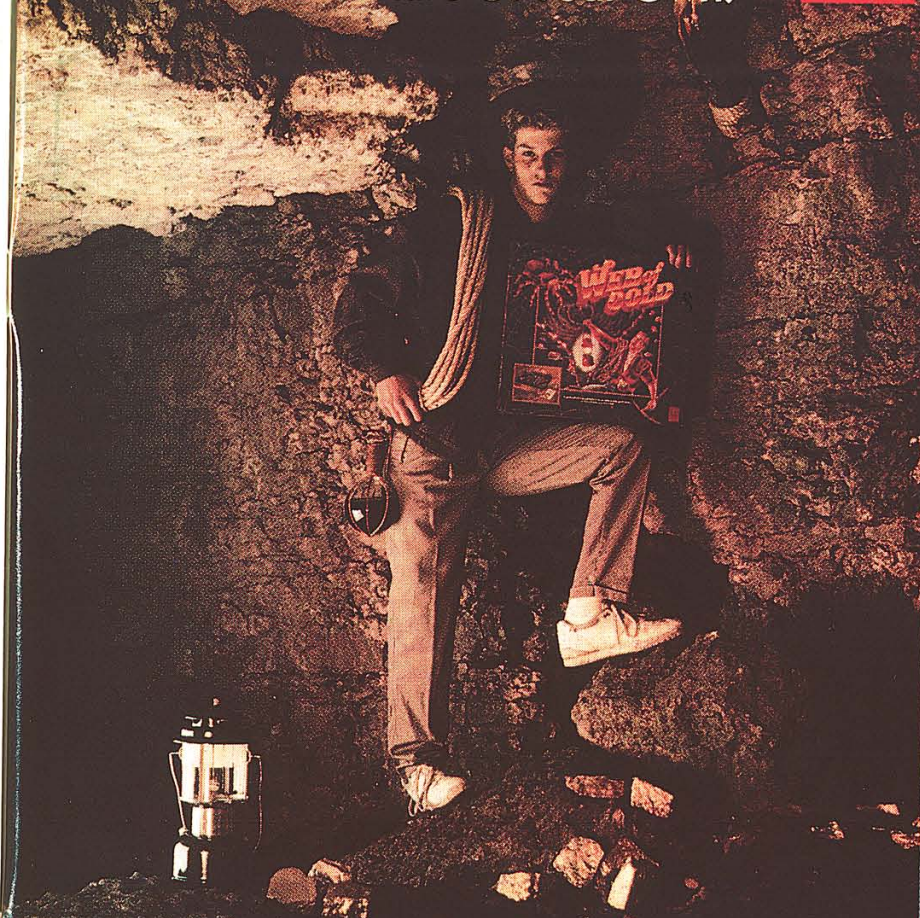
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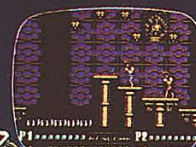
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